

Dudley Alumni Association, Inc.

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Meeting

Dudley Media Center

November 14, 20115

Attendance: Consuella Gibson, Rodney Wilds, Gloria Alston, Brenda James, Treva McAdoo, Ronald Gantt, Brandy Black, Willie Mae McLeod Jones, Julie Crowder, Earla Dorsett, Phyllis Floyd-Williams, Bill Adams, Lisa Johnson-Tonkins, Crystal Black, Sonya Lovett, Mark Bailey, Thomasenia Cotton, Ronald Gantt, Darnetta Mack, Kevin Robinson, Yvette Poole, Arthur McGriff, Jacqueline Garrett, Anita Goodman, Laverne Carter, Kenneth Able, Ayanna Waddell, Lisa Richardson, David Moore, Derek Morehead, Jessica Fox, Ray Crosby, James Womack, Cynthia Hinson, Claude Barnes, Angela Fitzgerald, Theresa Thompson, Crystal McComb, Carolyn Alston, Tommy McNeil, Kenya Donaldson, Martha Dick.

The meeting was called to order by President Consuella Gibson '70.

The invocation was lifted by Phyllis Floyd Williams '69 and the pledge was read by Gloria Alston.

Greetings were brought by Principal Rodney Wilds '84 - at which time he expressed his joy of being back at Dudley. He thanked the alumni and classes for their encouragement and support throughout the school. He recognized that the students did not know the history of the school nor did they know the Alma Mater. All English teachers have been charged with teaching the Alma Mater to their students. A legacy medallion was presented to him by Thomasenia Cotton '59, Chairperson of the Awards & Legacy Committee.

The minutes were presented and accepted with the following corrections: Horizons – should read 3 teachers and staff; Jackie Williams, Ida Jenkins and Arnetta McKee Jessup. The Legacy Committee members also include Paula Foster Spaulding '64.

Treasurer's Report - Gloria Alston '84 –The treasurer's report was accepted as presented. Brenda James is serving as interim treasurer. A debit card has been order and will be in the president's name. A voucher system is used for disbursements of fund. Report accepted.

Greensboro Chapter Report: Crystal Black '90 - the chapter is putting together transition guidelines such as membership and account information. The football field was painted since it hadn't been painted all year due to budget cuts. They raise \$1200 to have the field painted. A question was raised as to why the GSO Chapter donation to paint the field through PayPal was redirecting them to the Class of 1990's website. Crystal Black and Banker explained that Class of 1990 signed a temporary agreement to let the GSO Chapter use their PayPal account just for the paint the field joint project. After joint project the PayPal link on the GSO Chapter website will be taken off. The Christmas party is scheduled for December 6<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.

at Chandlers Florist; this event will be a membership drive. The Class of 1959 purchased Capes for the band's drum majors.

Discussion on the DAA organizational structure and the limitations of the 501c3 and affiliation concerns was tabled until next quarterly meeting.

Angela Fitzgerald '70 - By-law chairperson. If you have any concerns pertaining to the by-laws; they should be emailed to her in the correct format, with the current wording and section identified and the suggested wording or change below it.

HOF/HOD – O. W. Sweeney – the organization will be raffling a trip to Myrtle Beach, Television and a framed print of Tiger Woods. The drawing will be held February 2, 2016 at the basketball game.

Athletic Boosters – Ray Crosby '70 – Thanked the Greensboro Chapter for the painting of the football field. All of the other sports are doing well. The boosters are planning on buying a tractor and storage at a cost of about \$10,000. The softball team has been allocated \$4,000 for new dug outs, but 3 contractors bids must be obtained; the project has been placed on hold. The Booster Club meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 P. M. in the main gym classroom.

Horizon – reported by Gloria Alston '84 – from October 2014 to September 2015 there has been 65 deaths which 3 were teacher/staff. This quarter there's been 2 deaths. Submit Horizon information online using [daahorizons@gmail.com](mailto:daahorizons@gmail.com) or contact Lisa Richardson.

Membership – A membership drive was held during the football season, at which time they recruited 29 memberships. Archie Barksdale, Gloria Alston, Brenda James and Consuella Gibson volunteered at the drive. An anonymous donor made 150 stress footballs with Dudley Alumni's website imprint as give-a-ways.

Public Relations/IT – Mark Bailey '90 – In the process of developing a new web site and getting a new web host, which hasn't taken place since the debit card hasn't been secured. We're establishing an organizational email which will be directed to elected officers and a general email – [info@dudleypride.org](mailto:info@dudleypride.org) which will be directed to the correspondent secretary. Setting up a google drive for posting meetings, agenda, etc. which are in folders. Facebook has over 1500 likes. Question - Will Mark be able to conduct a workshop/presentation as to the operations of the website? Tabled for further discussion.

Scholarship – application are on the website and will be given to each faculty advisor. They will be email it to all of the seniors. What is being done to inspire more students to apply for the scholarship? The applications are housed in the guidance office. Suggestion: to place the applications with the senior English teacher's in order for it to reach all students.

Social Action – Laverne Carter '70 – discussed the "Say Yes" program. There is a lack of communication in getting students and families involved in the program. This program will pay last dollars tuition. It is a renewable scholarship. Greensboro is one of 3 cities in North Carolina

promoting this program. How has the program closed the achievement gap? Students have to meet the eligibility for the program. All colleges/universities have not agreed to participate in the program to-date. It starts with elementary school students being eligible.

Special Events – Bill Adams '63 – Issue: some feel that the \$30 affiliation fee is for the tailgate. This is false. The affiliation fee covers liability insurance for your events at the school, bulk mail and 501c3 status (Non-Profit). This information is can be found on the website. To participate in the tailgate there is a \$30.00 fee for each space. Tailgating spaces will remains the same as last time. There are still spaces available. Question - Will there be a class map location available at the tailgate? Yes. Bill is responsible for creating new chapters. He is waiting for a date from the Atlanta chapter to go and present them with their charter. Any person interested in attending this event should contact Bill at (336)549-9054 or email.

Consolidated Reunion 2016 – Brenda James – The reunion is set for July 15-17, 2016 at the Sheraton Hotel. The contract has been signed. We will follow the same format. Sleeping room rate are \$134 plus taxes & gratuities per night. Hospitality rooms: Suites/Parlor – \$350 and \$268 for joining rooms.

Question – How many room nights did we book last year and used? The hotel provides this information in a report.

Question – Have the association looked at other sites for the reunion? The reunion has been held at other hotels but the Sheraton can accommodate the event and people want to come there. We are looking at trying to keep the price down and another place suitable for the event. We are looking at getting sponsors to offset the price of some of the events. Tailgate: the alumni have a tent and food for those persons who are not with a class. A DJ is provided for the tailgate, also for the Friday & Saturday dances.

Question – Are there opportunities for classes and others to have input in the planning of the reunion? If there are persons interested in participating as vendors at the reunion, they should send their proposals or bids to Brenda James at [jspiritchild@triad.rr.com](mailto:jspiritchild@triad.rr.com). The executive committee is looking to hiring security for the Saturday night dance, since the event has grown so large.

50<sup>th</sup> Year Class of 1966 – Carolyn Alston – Planning for the reunion and committees are working. Many class members are joining the national because of the medallion. We are working on the souvenir book and hope to have it completed by April 2016. The DAA was invited to place an ad in the souvenir book.

Kenneth Able '76 Rep. – Reported that his class will be purchasing wrestling shoe for the wrestling team. The class is also responsible for the school sign at the entrance to the campus.

Meeting adjourns.

Submitted by Martha Dick, Recording Secretary

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